

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

v.

Robert Leon Roberson,

Defendant.

Criminal No. 03-354(1) (JNE)

Civil No. 11-1556 (JNE)

ORDER

On August 23, 2011, the Court denied Robert Leon Roberson's motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (Supp. III 2009) for the reasons set forth in the government's response. An appeal cannot be taken from a final order denying a motion under § 2255 without a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1)(B) (2006); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b)(1). A court cannot issue a certificate of appealability unless the applicant has made a "substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). "Where a district court has rejected the constitutional claims on the merits, the showing required to satisfy § 2253(c) is straightforward: The petitioner must demonstrate that reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong." *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). Here, Roberson has not demonstrated that reasonable jurists would find the rejection of his claim debatable or wrong. Thus, the Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability.

Based on the files, records, and proceedings herein, and for the reasons stated above, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Roberson's § 2255 motion [Docket No. 316 in Criminal No. 03-354(1)] is DENIED.

2. A certificate of appealability is DENIED.

LET JUDGMENT BE ENTERED ACCORDINGLY.

Dated: August 25, 2011

s/ Joan N. Ericksen  
JOAN N. ERICKSEN  
United States District Judge